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- 25X1X 1. [redacted] the majority of SED members are depressed with the party's lack of success and that even leading officials have expressed considerable scepticism and pessimism privately. New campaigns launched by the party with great propaganda die a weary death in a few weeks. [redacted] is that the party is passing through a period of stagnation.
- 25X1X 2. [redacted] this phenomenon is not limited to the SED, but extends to the other parties as well. The basic cause, in his opinion, is a general apathy on the part of the Germans, who realize that all important decisions are made by the Allies, that no party is free and independent, that denazification is a farce, and that all the political parties, including the SED, hide their true aims behind democratic slogans. [redacted] the only important decision left to the Germans is with which power it will be most advantageous to align themselves.

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